

## ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, we

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and (3) William Roy Yonker of 11235 11th Avenue N.E., Rochester,  
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have invented certain improvements in

STORAGE AREA NETWORK METHODS AND APPARATUS WITH VIRTUAL SAN RECOGNITION

and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on

(1) \_\_\_\_\_, 2001, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, 2001, (3) \_\_\_\_\_, 2001

Whereas, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, a corporation of New York, having a place of business at Armonk, New York 10504, (hereinafter called IBM), desired to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for a valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we, the above named, hereby sell, assign, and transfer to IBM, its successors and assigned, the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention therein disclosed for the United States and foreign countries, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and we request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the inventions set forth in said application to IBM, its successors and assigns; and we hereby agree that IBM may apply for foreign Letters Patent on said invention and we will execute all papers necessary in connection with the United States and foreign applications when called upon to do so by IBM.

Signed and sealed

(1) at _____	_____	Signature
on _____, 2001,	Allen Robert Heitman	Inventor
(2) at _____	_____	Signature
on _____, 2001,	David Lynn Merbach	Inventor
(3) at _____	_____	Signature
on _____, 2001,	William Roy Yonker	Inventor

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